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SUBJECT: PRESS CRITICISM OF NEW TURKISH PRESIDENT

IN LEAD EDITORIAL IN CONSERVATIVE " ELLINIKOS VORRAS" OF
APRIL 11, NATIONALISTIC CHIEF EDITOR ELIAS KYROU TAKES
SHARP ISSUE WITH ALLEGED RECENT STATEMENTS ON GREEK REGIME
BY NEW TURKISH PRESIDENT KOROUTOURUK. IN PARTICULAR,
KYROU REJECTS REPORTED STATEMENT THAT GREECE WAS THREATENED
BY COMMUNISM PRIOR TO 1967 COUP AND COUNTERCHARGES THAT
TURKISH ARMED FORCES WERE FORMERLY, " INFILHRATED BY
COMMUNISTS". IN COMPARISON, DANGER FROM COMMUNISM HERE
PRIOR TO APRIL 67 WAS " INDIRECT AND MANY TIMES SMALLER" THAN
THAT FACED BY TURKEY BEFORE ARMY TAKEOVER. EDITORIAL
CONCLUDES THAT GREECE IS " MOST STABLE PARTNER" OF WEST,
INCLUDING UNITED STATES, WHILE TURKEY HAS MERELY " RECEIEVED
STAY OF EXECUTION FROM COMMUNISM". PERCENTAGE OF COMMUNISTS
AMONG TURKISH ARMED FORCES IS " WELL KNOWN" BY OTHER COUNTRIES.
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